Our Lady of the Black Hills

May 23 & 24, 2009, Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 am
Morning Prayer: Following Daily Liturgy
Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation: Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Taize Prayer: First Sunday, 7:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email to bulletin@olbh.org by Tuesday noon for the following Sunday bulletin.

The Love Dare

"Receive this as a warning. This forty-day journey cannot be taken lightly. It is a challenging and often difficult process, but an incredibly fulfilling one. To take this dare requires a resolute mind and a steadfast determination. It is not meant to be sampled or briefly tested, and those who quit early will forfeit the greatest benefits. If you will commit to a day at a time for forty days, the results could change your life and your marriage. Consider it a dare, from others who have done it before you!"

This is the introduction to *The Love Dare* book by Stephen and Alex Kendrick. Aaron and I first heard of the Love Dare after seeing the movie Fireproof. Shortly after seeing the movie, I went online to learn more about the movie and to see if the Love Dare actually existed. While on their site, I saw that there was an actual Love Dare book published. Curious about *The Love Dare* I decided to get a copy. As I read the back it said, "The Love Dare is a 40-day challenge for husbands and wives to understand and practice unconditional love. Whether your marriage is hanging by a thread or healthy and strong, The Love Dare is a journey you need to take. It's time to learn the keys to finding true intimacy and developing a dynamic marriage. Take the Dare!"

After reading the back cover, I decided it would make the perfect Lenten Journey, so I purchased the book for Aaron for Valentine's Day (good way to get the hubby to go along with it). We agreed that we would try to do *The Love Dare* for the 40 days of Lent. We began by reading each day together, which starts with specific scripture and a passage that explains a unique aspect of love and marriage. After reading the passage, you are given a dare to do for your spouse. Then at the end of the day, we would come together and journal how the dare went and what we learned from that days dare.

We soon discovered that we were communicating about things we had never really given much thought or wanted to give much thought. We also realized that we had taken each other for granted in so many ways and that it was time to recognize our unconditional love for each other in the simpleness of everyday life.

The dares throughout the whole book are based on the unconditional love God has for us. The dares main goal is to help couples reach that form of unconditional love towards each other. It focuses on leading our hearts rather than following our hearts. In other words, sometimes you have to bite the bullet and do things for your spouse simply because you love them: for better and for worse, in good times and bad. One of the first dares is about stopping negative thoughts and words. The dare seems so simple but it is really harder than we think at times. The great thing about these dares is that you can make them specific to your relationship. We found that there were some dares that were harder to complete than others. And even some dares that did not really apply to us.

Throughout the whole process, we both agree that the dare made our marriage stronger. It brought us closer to each other and to God as a couple. We have made time in our marriage to read the Bible and pray together. Just last week we had Father Mark renew our vows, which was an awesome experience. We renewed our love for one another in God's presence. This dare made us realize we need to cherish and honor one another for all the days of our lives. Your life together is before you, dare to take hold of it and never let go!

WE DARE YOU!
~Aaron and Cathleen Denekamp

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, May 25
Memorial Day
St. Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, pope; St. Mary Magdalene de 'Pazzi, virgin
Acts 19:1-8; Psalms 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; John 16:29-33 (white/white/white/white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy at the Piedmont Cemetery (Intention: For the repose of Dennis Hull)
Church Office Closed
6:30 pm: Cub Scouts

Tuesday, May 26
St. Philip Neri, priest
Acts 20:17-27; Psalms 68:10-11, 20-21; John 17:1-11a (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Catalina Lopes and Lewis Maganna)
10:30 am: Staff Holy Hour
4:30 pm Lumko Group (in rectory)
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 27
St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
Acts 20:28-38; Psalms 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc, 36ab; John 17:11a-19 (white/white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse.)
9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry
6:00 pm: Adoration only, no Reconciliation

Thursday, May 28
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalms 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; John 17:20-26 (white)
No Daily Liturgy

Friday, May 29
Acts 25:13b-21; Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; John 21:15-19 (white)
No Daily Liturgy
6:30 pm: Cub Scout Graduation

Saturday Morning, May 30
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Psalms 11:4, 5, and 7; John 21:20-25 (white)
8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For Summertime)
9:00 am - Noon: Food Pantry
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Don't Forget – Sunday, May 24 is the last day to register for the Little Rock Scripture Study to guarantee materials are ready for your participation starting mid-June!

Saturday Evening, May 30
Pentecost Vigil
Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezekial 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39 (red)
5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the repose of Margaret Savio)
6:00 pm: Dinner & A Movie "Fun"raiser – Adults $8.00, Children $6.00, Couples $15.00, Families $30.00. Please come and help support the sacrament of married couples.

Sunday, May 31
Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11; Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25; John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15 (red)
9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the gift of New Pentecost in our lives)
10:00 am: Coffee Hour hosted by Karen & Wes Mendenhall
6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Our OLBH Community)

Intercessory Prayers
Life and Health Concerns: Joe Creek, Rene Kahler, Cecilia Keller, Joni Osnes, Enola Sorlie, Joshua Weaver & family, and Jim Wranek

Repose: Marvin Kari & Carol Powers

Collection Report
May 16 & 17

Loose	$ 2068.80
Envelopes	1925.00
Votive	6.25
Student	47.10
Gatherings of Grace	119.70
Mass Intentions	50.00
Other	486.25
Total	**$ 4703.10**

Mass Ministry Schedule

5/30 & 5/31	5:00 pm	9:00 am	6:00pm
Bread Baker	Marlys Sears		
Altar Servers	Joe Schulte Matthew Van Asma Christopher Van Asma	Whitney Werdel Christian Weaver Mattias Didriksen	Kaleah Evans Austin Evans Kayla McCaskell
Precious Body	Reggie Hunt	Judy Wilson	Judy Nelson
Precious Blood	Beth Anne Ferley Jayme Hunt Jan Schurman Betsy Van Asma	Christine Didriksen Curt Lauinger Marty Quinn Jim Hoag	Lorinda Collings Teresa Thompson Jim McCormick Denise McCormick
Lectors	Dennis Olson Judy Olson	Mary Coffin Kathy Van Asma	Tanya McCaskell Tom Collings
Sacristans	Cindy & Craig Thompson	Donna & Frank Boner	Cathy & John Wang
Ushers	Tom Van Asma Betsy Van Asma	The Weaver Family	Don Everson Brad McCaskell
Choir	OLBH Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant Band

Congratulations to Sarah & Michael Larson on their wedding celebrated on Saturday, May 23 at the 5:00 pm Mass.

OLBH Parish News

Summer Home Masses

Home Masses are going to be back during June, July and August. June 2 and 16, July 6 and 21, August 4 and 11 at 6:00 pm. Light appetizers or snacks to be served after Mass. All Masses are scheduled except for June 16th, to sign up for this Mass, look for the sign-up sheet will be in the gathering area.

Extra, Extra, Read all About It!

The news is out! The National Catholic Youth Conference is scheduled for November 19-22, 2009 in Kansas City, MO. This conference is scheduled every two years for those who will be in high school in the fall of 2009. The youth who attended the last conference are already on board and can't wait to go! Please contact Teresa Thompson, 787-5168 for more information! I would love to talk to you about this great opportunity! Registration fee: $195.00 (this does not include meals, lodging and transportation). $100.00 Deposit, made payable to OLBH due Friday, July 17.

Duc in altum ("Put out into the deep" – Luke 5:4)

A summer catechetical youth program, is being held at ***Our Lady of the Black Hills*** on Sunday, June 21st–Thursday, June 25th. For grade school and middle school youth (grades 1-8) the program runs Monday-Thursday 9:00am-2:30pm. The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games and recess. For high school youth (grades 9-12), the program runs Sunday-Thursday 7:30pm-9:30pm. Registration forms are available in the gathering area. Cost is ***$20 per child or $35 per family.*** Participants in the grade school and middle school program should bring a sack lunch and recess equipment. *Duc in altum* combines catechesis and having **FUN!!!** The youthfulness and energy of the teachers is contagious, come out and join us!!! All parishioners are invited to a potluck dinner on Wednesday at 6pm.

Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University at OLBH will be starting up on Wednesday June 3 from 7:00-9:00pm. There are fliers and a signup sheet at the back of the church for those interested in being part of this 13 week course this summer. You can check out the *Financial Peace University* web site at: http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/. For more information please contact:

Kerri Allardyce at 307-272-1788 or kerri@cowboyimages.net or
Bob Wentz at 718-8317 or bwentz@security1stbank.com

Soles4Souls

National Barefoot Sunday is June 7 . . . as part of our Soles4Souls event at OLBH, we invite you to literally leave your shoes at the altar at the Sunday Liturgies the weekend of June 6 & 7 . . . the symbolism of removing and donating our shoes in such a way allows us all to experience and understand what it means to go without shoes and be barefoot. If you are unable to attend mass at OLBH that weekend, please feel free to leave your new or gently worn shoes in the collection boxes located in the Narthex anytime between May 30 and June 15. All collected shoes will be donated to the Soles4Souls organization.

About Soles4Souls

Nashville-based Soles4Souls™ facilitates the donations of both new and used shoes, which are used to aid the hurting worldwide. Soles4Souls has distributed more than 4.3 million pairs (currently donating one pair every 17 seconds) to people in over 125 countries, including Honduras, Uganda, Romania, and the United States. The charity has been featured recently in Runner's World and the Green Guide by National Geographic. It has also appeared on CNN, NBC, ABC, FOX, CBS, and hundreds of regional outlets around North America. Soles4Souls is a 501(c)(3) recognized by the IRS; donating parties are eligible for tax advantages.

But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

Luke 15:22

Visit www.giveshoes.org for more information!

Diocesan/Area News

The Gift that Keeps on Giving!

Have you ever wanted to give your priest a gift and not known what to get them? Our priests do so much for us! Would you be willing to give an hour or two of your time in prayer? During the diocesan priest retreat June 8-12, 2008, we will be having Solemn Exposition and Adoration at Cathedral to pray for our priests, in thanksgiving for all they do for us and for guidance in their ministry, as well as an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the 7:00 am Mass on June 8 and conclude at noon on June 12. Signups will be placed at each parish or you may call Cathedral Rectory at 342-0507.

Lakota Circles of Hope

The traditional Lakota values of bravery, fortitude, generosity, respect and wisdom are the foundation of the *Lakota Circles of Hope* curriculum which teaches second through fifth grade Native American children living on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations, to find strength in their Lakota culture and values to say no to alcohol, drugs, sexual promiscuity and gangs. Please join us Thursday, June 4 for the *Lakota Circles of Hope Premiere Awareness and Fundraising* event, 5:30-7:30 PM at Prairie Edge. Tickets are $50.00 per person; proceeds are earmarked for the LCH program. For reservations contact CSS at 348-6086 or css@rapidnet.com. If you are unable to attend but wish to support this program, you may mail your donation directly to CSS, 918 5th St, Rapid City, SD 57701. Please prayerfully consider your gift so together, we can continue this valuable work to empower the lives of young children living on the reservations. We thank you for your sacrifice especially during these difficult economic times.

St. Therese Rummage Sale

The 32nd annual rummage sale will be held on Friday, June 5, from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 6, from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. Clothes for everyone, toys and books, kitchen items, bikes, etc. St. Therese is located two blocks west of Haines Avenue at 532 Adams St. Sponsored by the Altar Society, with proceeds going to the building improvement fund.

Substitute Health Care Workers Needed

St. Martin Monastery Health Care Unit is in need of someone to fill in when our health care workers are ill or on vacation. You would provide personal care for five elderly sisters, including bathing, dressing and grooming, toileting, meals, and activities. The work would also include housecleaning and laundry. Experience or certification not necessary—just a willing heart, a strong back, and a lot of flexibility. Interested? Call Rose Williamson, Director of Nursing, at 343-8011.

For the Ride Home

by Ted Bergh

Scripture

- But in a few days you will be baptized by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:5)
- for the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth. (Psalm 47:3)
- One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:6)
- Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15)

Reflection

- Do you believe in "the One God who is over, through and in all"?
- How do you live the Gospel?
- How do you share the Gospel?

Yet there are familiar ways by which evangelization happens: by the way we live God's love in our daily life; by the love, example, and support people give each other; by the ways parents pass faith on to their children; in our life as Church, through the proclamation of the Word and the wholehearted celebration of the saving deeds of Jesus; in the care we show to those most in need; and in the ways we go about our work, share with our neighbors, and treat the stranger. In daily life, family members evangelize each other; men and women, their future spouses; and workers, their fellow employees, by the simple lives of faith they lead.

US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Go and Make Disciples, Paragraph 35, 2002.

From the Pro-Life Commission

President Obama's new executive order on embryonic stem cell research is a sad victory of politics over science and ethics. This action is morally wrong because it encourages the destruction of innocent human life, treating vulnerable human beings as mere products to be harvested. It also disregards the values of millions of American taxpayers who oppose research that requires taking human life. Finally, it ignores the fact that ethically sound means for advancing stem cell science and medical treatments are readily available and in need of increased support.

USCCB News Release, "Executive Order on Embryonic Stem Cells 'A Sad Victory of Politics over Science and Ethics,' Says Cardinal Rigali", March 9, 2009. www.usccb.org (use search option)

Rachel's Corner

Assist me, O Holy Spirit, in all my trials of life, enlighten me in my ignorance, advise me in my doubts, strengthen me in my weakness, help me in all my needs, protect me in temptations and console me in afflictions. - Pentecost Sunday, Prayer to the Holy Spirit

If you are struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion, attend a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and be filled with the Spirit of the Lord, who will help you in your trials and weakness. Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the diocesan website:
www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm.
For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Diocesan/Area News Cont…

4th Degree Knights of Columbus

The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rapid City.

Need a Perfect Job?

NO NIGHTS, WEEK-ENDS or HOLIDAYS. This job is for the person who wants to work around their child's school schedule. The Rapid City Catholic Schools has an opening available in the Food Service Department for the 2009-2010 school year. For more information contact Rita Strand at 348-1477 (days) 574-4355 (evenings) or leave a message. Please complete a non-certified application available for downloading and printing at www.rccss.net/employment or at either school office of St. Elizabeth Seton or St. Thomas More. Send to: Rita Strand, RCCSS, 431 E. Oakland St., Rapid City, SD 57701

Fatima Mini-Conference

The Rapid City division of the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, is sponsoring a mini-conference on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City starting at 8:00 am. Featured speakers will be Sean Innerst, former director of religious education for the Diocese of Rapid City, and Michael LaCorte, executive director of the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA. The conference concludes at 7:00 p.m. with the showing of the "Fatima" movie. The cost is $10 per person. Lunch is an additional $5 or participants can bring a lunch. Child care will be available, but reservations must be made prior to the conference. To register, contact Jim Jacquot at 605.381.9130 or Ellen Robertson at 605.718.9909. Registration checks should be made payable to the Blue Army and mailed to Jim Jacquot at 608 Cleveland St., Rapid City, SD 57701.

Totus Tuus 2009

All this I do for the sake of the gospel – 1 Cor 9:23. Year of St. Paul: the apostle to the gentiles

Totus Tuus Camps are coming! Hiking, Campfires, Swimming, Games, and much more! At Storm Mountain Center.

- Girls Camp, for those who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8: June 23-26.
- Girls Leadership, for those who have completed grades 9-12 and older: June 22-26.
- Boys Camp, for those who have completed grades 6, 7, or 8: July 7-10.
- Boys Leadership, for those who have completed grades 9-12 and older: July 6-10.

Registration forms available online at www.Gods-call.org or at your parish. $20 discount coupons for registrations received before May 15. Contact the Office of Vocations for more information, 343-3541, ssafford@diorc.org.